

Sheriff's



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AFFIDAVIT

Agency ORF Number
FL 0530000

Polk County

FORM #9013 - Revised 05/31/97
INCIDENT NUMBER

JUVENILE

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ADULT

BOOKING #

OBTS #

IN CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FL.

SUBMITTING MEMBER Det. Larry Ashley

MEMBER # 0182

DATE/TIME OF ARREST/INCIDENT 6/22/93 11:35 PM

LOCATION OF INCIDENT 3755 Davis Rd., Mulberry, FL

CROSS STREET

NOTICE TO APPEAR/OF APPOINTMENT

COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT

ARREST REPORT

RIGHT FINGERPRINT

CITY OF

COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF FLORIDA

I, THE UNDERSIGNED AFFIANT, SWEARS THAT HE HAS JUST AND REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT ON 20 June 1993 AT APPROXIMATELY 11:35 PM IN THE VICINITY OF Mulberry POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

Knight

Christopher

Shane

ALIAS Shane Watson

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

ADDRESS 4367 Sm Center Road, Mulberry, Florida 33860

PHONE 863-838-5314

R/S WM DOB 09/22/73 HT 5'8" WT 170 EYE Bro HAIR Bro COMP Med BUILD Med

SPEECH English SCARS Unknown POB US MARITAL STATUS Divorced

DEF [REDACTED] ST FL SS# [REDACTED] OCCUPATION Mechanic

EMPLOYER/SCHOOL Mosine Phosphates MP, Inc

PHONE

JUN-PARENTS

PHONE

NOTICE TO APPEAR/OF APPOINTMENT

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, REQUIRE YOU TO APPEAR IN COURT/AT FLORIDA ON 20 AT 11:35 PM TO ANSWER THE CHARGE(S) IN THIS COMPLAINT OR TO PAY THE PRESCRIBED FINE FOR THIS OFFENSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT A WILLFUL FAILURE TO APPEAR WILL RESULT IN A WARRANT FOR MY ARREST AND MAY BE A NEW OFFENSE. (DO NOT BE LATE.)

DEFENDANT VIOLATOR'S SIGNATURE:

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

DATE

NO BILLOPETITION

PROSECUTION APPROVED:

ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY

EVIDENCE COLLECTED? YES NO

COMMITTED THE OFFENSE(S) OF:

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|---|--------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1. <u>Second Degree Murder with a Deadly Weapon</u> | FSS CO | <u>782.04(2) and 775.087(1)</u> | LEVEL/DEGREE | <u>FL</u> |
| 2. <u>Manslaughter with a Deadly Weapon</u> | FSS CO | <u>782.07(1) and 775.087(1)</u> | LEVEL/DEGREE | <u>FL</u> |
| 3. <u></u> | FSS CO | <u></u> | LEVEL/DEGREE | <u></u> |

CO-DEFENDANTS:

VICTIM: Watson NAME Jahada ADDRESS PHONE

(VICTIM)/WITNESS: Watson NAME Skylar ADDRESS PHONE

VICTIM/WITNESS: NAME ADDRESS PHONE

PROBABLE CAUSE: See Attached

I, SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, THIS 25th DAY OF June, 20 11

DEPUTY CLERK NOTARY PUBLIC LEO

AFFIANT

PERSONALLY KNOWN

PRODUCED ID

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Jahala Watson and Christopher Shane Knight, AKA Shane Watson lived together for several years at Jahala's residence located at 3755 Davis Rd, Mulberry, Polk County, Florida. Jahala is the mother of Shane and provided Shane's housing, food, vehicle and support.

Jahala was formerly married to Dow Watson. They had one daughter together, Shannon Watson. Jahala was in a new personal relationship with Gene Gay and was 7 ½ months pregnant.

The residence occupied by Jahala and Shane was in the process of being sold and needed to be vacated by Friday, June 25, 1993.

Shane and Jahala had continuing arguments over use of the car, finances and household/domestic issues. On Saturday, June 19, 1993, Shane and Jahala had an argument at Jahala's residence that was witnessed by several friends. During this argument, Shane threw a beer bottle across the room at his mother, Jahala.

On Sunday morning, June 20, 1993, Jahala was at her residence and had plans to go shopping with her daughter. She did not show up at the pre-arranged time to pick up her daughter, nor did she call her to advise she was not coming.

A witness, who had stayed at the victim's residence overnight, was present when Shane and Jahala became involved in a noisy, heated argument inside the residence. During the argument, Shane ordered the witness out of the residence.

The witness walked out of the house, but could still hear Shane and Jahala yelling inside the residence for approximately four to five minutes at which time the yelling suddenly stopped. The witness heard no further yelling. Approximately eight to ten minutes after the yelling stopped, Shane came out of the residence alone wearing different clothing and he appeared to be wet as if he had taken a bath. Jahala Watson was never seen nor heard from again.

Following the argument, family and friends made numerous phone calls to the residence attempting to contact Jahala. Shane repeatedly told them that Jahala was sleeping and not available.

Shane had made plans with friends for Sunday afternoon, however, abruptly changed his plans after the argument. After coaxing from a friend later that afternoon, Shane did participate in planned activities.

On Monday, June 21, 1993, Shane did not go to work. On that date, Jahala's vehicle was observed by several friends and family at Walmart located at 4315 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida. Shane was made aware of the whereabouts of the vehicle. Friends and family called Shane out of concern for Jahala's welfare, however, Shane told them not to worry and did not respond to the location of his mother's vehicle.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1993, Shane did not go to work. Late afternoon on June 22, 1993, Jahala's body was found alongside State Road 471 in Sumter County, Florida, less than ½ mile from property owned by Jahala's brother. Jahala was wearing only a bra, panties and sandals. She still had jewelry on her hands. News accounts described the body as belonging to a black female. After hearing the news account, Shane told his father that he believed it was his mother.

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Approximately 10:00 pm, Mildred Baker, Jahala's mother, called Shane to request the tag number to Jahala's vehicle and to report Jahala missing. Shane did not acknowledge to his grandmother that he knew the location of the vehicle. At 10:13 pm, Mildred Baker reported the vehicle and Jahala missing to the Polk County Sheriff's Office. Approximately 10:25 pm, Peggy Alberson, Jahala's sister, called Mildred Baker and told her Jahala's vehicle was at the Walmart parking lot on South Florida Avenue, Lakeland. Approximately 10:30 pm, Mildred Baker called Shane to provide him this information. Again, Shane did not acknowledge to his grandmother that he already knew the location of the vehicle.

Approximately 10:45 pm, Shane's father, Dow Watson, went to Jahala's residence. Shane attempted to help Dow look for Jahala's vehicle. Shane did not tell Dow that he already knew where the vehicle was located. Approximately 11:45 pm, after returning to Jahala's residence, Dow entered the house and observed the same clothes worn by Jahala on Sunday, June 20, 1993, on Jahala's bedroom floor. Dow also observed Jahala's cigarettes and lighter on the bathroom vanity. Jahala was a heavy smoker who reportedly would not leave home without her cigarettes.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1993, Shane saw another news account of a body being found. Shane told a witness that a body had been found in Sumter County and the police thought it was his mother. Jahala's body had not yet been identified and Shane had not been contacted by law enforcement. At approximately 4:10 pm, Polk County Sheriff's Office recovered Jahala's vehicle in the Walmart parking lot. Approximately 7:00 pm, members of Jahala's family identified clothing and jewelry found on the body in Sumter County as belonging to Jahala.

Dr. Janet Pillow, Medical Examiner for District 5, performed an autopsy of Jahala and determined the cause of death to be a stab wound. The death of the viable, unborn baby was determined to be a direct result of the unlawful death of his mother, Jahala. The manner of death for both victims was determined to be homicide.

Over the course of several years, Shane has repeatedly provided inconsistent statements to law enforcement to include the following:

In 1993 he stated to law enforcement that he had not seen his mother all day long on Sunday, June 20th. In later interviews, he stated he did see her that day and gave conflicting statements as to the circumstances. Additionally, he told numerous conflicting statements to family members as to the last time he saw his mother.

In 1995, Shane stated he and Jahala were having hard times. When asked if he believed that whatever happened to Jahala occurred within the residence, he answered "Yes." When asked could it have happened that he killed his mother, Shane stated "I want to say no, but it might have". Shane stated "it all points to me" and that "it looks to me like I done it". He said looking at all the evidence...he would put himself in the electric chair.

In an interview in 2011, Shane admitted to having an ongoing argument with his mother that started on June 19, 1993. Shane stated to law enforcement that "I made peace with the Lord" in referring to what had occurred with Jahala.

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Sworn to and subscribed to me, the undersigned authority,
this _____

Day of _____

[Signature]
DEPUTY CLERK/NOTARY PUBLIC
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

[Signature]
AFFIANT

Witness:

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

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